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Debbie Spearman has been on the road traveling to THANK our fellow SEC churches for their generous gifts. Read on about each of these visits across the Southeast.

**Atlanta's Kirkwood****UCC Supports Campaign**

The Conference has received a very generous gift from one of the new church starts in the Conference..... Kirkwood UCC. They have pledged \$20,000 towards the Conference's goal. We are most grateful for the vision and faith of this growing faith community.

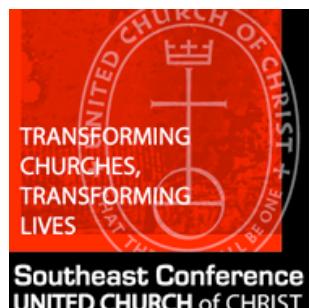
Rev. Susannah Davis's vision for a new church, started in her Kirkwood coffee house in 2006. The congregation quickly grew and now they are worshipping in their 3rd location in the Kirkwood neighborhood, to accommodate the hundred or so, who attend their 5 p.m. Sunday worship service.

Debbie Spearman, Follow-up Director of the Campaign and Bob Watson, Co-chair of the Campaign, are shown presenting a Certificate of Thanks from the Conference to

Kirkwood UCC and Pastor Davis.

**Pleasant Hill Community Church UCC receives a Big Thank You**

Representing the SEC Conference, Debbie Spearman, presented a Certificate of Thanks to Pleasant Hill CCUCC during their worship services on March 20th. This

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Headlines from the United Church of Christ

[New report examines impact of recession on congregational vitality](#)

The 2008 recession extended a decade-long erosion of the financial health of American congregations, with just 14 percent of the 11,077 randomly sampled congregations saying in 2010 that their financial health is excellent.





Worship Services on March 20th, 2011... this amazing church of 250 members pledged a minimum of \$75,000.00 to the Transforming Churches – Transforming Lives Campaign.

A multi million dollar expansion and renovation to their church campus has already begun this spring.

The Pleasant Hill congregation is known throughout the United Church of Christ as an active church both spiritually and it's work with social justice. They are a Just-Peace, Open and Affirming, and a Whole Earth congregation. Moderator Jim Olds and Pastor Tom Warren accepted the certificate for Pleasant Hill CCUCC.

Generous Financial Support by Sandy Creek UCC

What a privilege it was to worship with Sandy Creek United Church of Christ and thank them for their generous financial support for the Southeast Conference Campaign, Transforming Churches-Transforming Lives. I was excited to have the opportunity to see Louise Cox and others whom I have known for so many years and who have been such important mentors to me.

The relationships we have formed through countless Conference meetings and women's retreats have sustained us through some difficult times including the sorrow when some churches in Alabama and west Georgia decided to withdraw from the United Church of Christ.



Some, like Louise, had to choose between remaining members of the churches where they had spent their entire lives but to do so would mean severing the ties with friends around the UCC, or remaining part of the UCC by starting a new church. They chose to remain part of the United Church of Christ and as a result Sandy Creek UCC was born.

This small congregation is a vital and welcoming community of faith. I met several new members—new to Sandy Creek and new to the UCC and each one told of their love for this community through which they have experienced the love of God as never before. Under the leadership of the Rev. Wayde Washburn, this is a church transformed and one that is transforming lives. I thank God that they are a part of the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Written by Barbara Everett, former Moderator of the Southeast Conference and member of the Campaign Steering Committee



Thank You Visit in Alabama

Talladega First Congregational Church in Alabama pledged their support to the Southeast Conference Campaign with a generous \$6,500

pledge. Bob Watson, Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign presented a Certificate of

Thanks to Rev. Reginald Holloway, pastor and the congregation in October. This church is an American Missionary Association founded congregation located adjacent to the campus of Talladega College, a UCC Historically Black College, with whom they have had a longstanding relationship. There has been a TAP program there for three years. Part of Talladega First's story and legacy is highlighted in the book, "On the Heels of Freedom."

We are proud to have this small but mighty church as part of the Southeast Conference.

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